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The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Re:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

United States Patent Application No. 09/402,446

Entitled:

Intravenous Immune Globulin Formulation Containing a

Non-Ionic Surface Active Agent with Improved Pharmacokinetic

Properties

Inventors:

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The present letter is filed in response to the office action of December 5, 2001, Applicants are simultaneously filing a petition for a one month extension of time rendering the due date for reply April 5, 2002.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please delete claims 1-23 and 26 currently of record.

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Please add new claims 27-60 as follows:

(New) A method of increasing the serum half-life of an immune globulin comprising parenterally administering to an animal in need thereof an immune globulin preparation comprising an immune globulin and at least one non-ionic

